

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - February 26, 2004**

Chair Manke called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Supervisor Bruce led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Behrend (arrived at 8:39 a.m.), Genia Bruce, Hank Carlson, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Sr. Civil Engineering Technician Rick Harley, Architectural Technician Mike Wells, UW-Waukesha Dean Brad Stewart, Mike Riemer of UW-Waukesha, Tom Petersen of Harwood Engineering, Budget Specialist Linda Witkowski

**Public Present:** Rod Taubel, 810 Minaka Drive, Waukesha

### **Public Comment**

Rod Taubel of Waukesha said he has ridden the transit buses and shuttle buses going into Milwaukee. He has been to a number of meetings to see what it was about and the way the meetings are being conducted. The way the selection is going bothers him a lot. Can the county check on the way the contract is being issued? Do you have any authority? If there are cheaper buses, ridership will be lost.

Manke said the county has signed a contract with the City of Waukesha transportation committee so they are in charge of it. As far as the county goes, the contract is signed, and the county is aware of it and following what is going on.

### **Read Correspondence**

Manke addressed the following items:

1. Memo from Wisconsin Coach Lines to all transit riders and employees regarding the Waukesha Transit Contract.
2. Article dated 2/24/04 from the Wisconsin State Journal entitled, "Sober up, Wisconsin." The economic cost of all the alcohol-fueled problems totals roughly \$2.8 billion a year, according to state estimates.

### **Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-143 Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of CTH "K" Waukesha County Project, Project I.D. 03-2754(16), CTH "V" Intersection, Town of Lisbon, Village of Menomonee Falls, Waukesha County**

**Motion:** Swan moved, second by Singert, to approve Ordinance 158-O-143. Harley stated this is part of the annual intersection improvement projects to add left turn lanes and traffic signals. Turn lanes will be added on Highway K (Lisbon Road), east and westbound. The north and southbound routes don't really need it so won't be done at this time. There will be a full set of traffic signals.

**Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **Discuss and Consider Bids for Northview Complex (First Floor, West End) – Remodeling**

Wells referred to the handout that was previously distributed. He stated there were ten bidders for the project which is a good turn out. Ford Construction Company is being recommended as they have demonstrated that they are responsible and qualified. Alternate Bid No. 1 for two water coolers (\$1,800), Alternate Bid No. 3 for exhaust fans in one of the evidence rooms (\$1,110) and Alternate Bid No. 4 (\$2,116) for additional electrical are all being recommended. Alternate Bid No. 2 was eliminated.

Singert did not see the need for two water coolers for two dozen people at any one time and for such a small area. Wells said the water coolers are considered to be water fountains, i.e. bubblers.

**Motion:** Behrend moved, second by Bruce, to approve the bid from Ford Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$125,782. **Motion carried 6 – 1; Singert voting no.**

**Consider Proposed Ordinance: 158-O-144 Transfer Funds for UWW Switch/Transformer/Cable Replacement**

Bolte, Wells, Stewart, and Petersen were present. **Motion:** Singert moved, second by Swan, to approve Ordinance 158-O-144.

Bolte stated this is the issue that was before the committee at the last meeting and is the result of the committee's motion to go ahead with an ordinance to request the transfer of capital project funding of \$190,000 from existing Project #9705 (UWW Southview Hall Renovation) to Project #200318 (UWW Switch/Transformer/Cable Replacement). The Southview Hall project has been completed with an unencumbered balance of funds available of \$304,966. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Status Update on Highway Q Project**

Manke said he heard at the Highway Conference that our engineer might be behind on the project. Bolte said there have been some challenges but these issues have been resolved and the project continues to move forward. Manke asked does Washington County have any part of the project? Bolte replied nothing financially. However, they might have to approve Waukesha County's relocation order because property that needs to be acquired is physically located in Washington County. Carlson asked where is this project? Bolte stated from Highway 175 west to Colgate, which is the next big section for widening.

**Future Agenda Items**

- Singert – discuss Northview facility, Exposition Center and Airport Drive with the resurrection of a committee and possibly a new survey of the Board.
- Swan – Updates on: K/KE issue, County Dispatch, Roads by SEWRPC, Composting Project, and Facilities Management Objectives and Strategic Achievements.

**Approve Minutes of February 12, 2004**

**Motion:** Carlson moved, second by Behrend, to approve the minutes of 2/12/04. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

**Verbal Report from Executive Committee Member**

Manke reviewed items that were discussed and/or considered at the last meeting on 2/16/04, i.e. TABOR (Taxpayer's Bill of Rights) with Senator Kanavas appearing.

**Discuss Duties, Responsibilities and Composition of an Airport Commission**

Singert gave a lot of background information on the boards and commissions. He said he would like to see the size of the Airport Commission increased from five to seven with one of the two being a county board supervisor. He also referred to the two alternates who were appointed on the Park and Planning Commission and are not county board supervisors. Manke said the code would have to be changed to accomplish this.

Manke said maybe we should get rid of the commission and have an airport advisory committee that would meet quarterly. If there was an advisory committee, they would bring their thoughts here and we would act on it. Maybe it's time that the commission is not needed anymore.

Esler said he has a history lesson and several handouts (2 ordinances that created the Airport Commission, the statutes that allow for an Airport Commission, and the county code as it currently exists). He stated the Airport Commission is the second most powerful commission in the county. The most powerful is the Solid Waste Management Board in the county because they have the power to acquire property without county board approval, and they can also hire and fire their department's employees. The Airport Commission was denied certain statutory powers that they could have had, i.e., the power to enter into a contract, the power to hire and fire their employees, and having one of the commissioners as the airport manager. Esler also reviewed how the Airport Commission was created as well as the rules of membership, which are by statute. Currently the Airport Commission has the authority to hire the airport manager. Discussion continued at some length.

Singert said his reason for asking to agendize this item is because of the appointments and timing of the appointments. The appointment of the Airport Commission's chairman is coming up very shortly and is going to be a significant appointment in Singert's opinion.

#### **Tour of the Northview Facility**

At 10:30 a.m. the committee recessed and reconvened at the Northview Facility located at 1400 Northview Road in Waukesha for a tour. All members attended except Genia Bruce. Other attendees were Joe Vertz and Toby Van Sistine of Fisher-Fisher-Theis, Inc., as well as Rich Bolte, Dennis Cerreta, Mark Keckeisen, Mike Wells, Randy Scott and Scott Miller of the Public Works Department.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Genia C. Bruce  
Secretary

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